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# GAMEDAY GUIDE

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K-STATE VS. BAYLOR  
Kickoff at 7 p.m., Waco, Texas



**Matching up:** K-State has distinct advantage over Bears



**Wildcat defense looks to contain high powered offense**



**Q&A:** Tim Fitzgerald shares his thoughts on K-State, Baylor

## By the numbers

Nicholas Wahl  
staff writer

**4** The number of top-10 teams that lost in road upsets during week 12 last season

Then-No. 2 and undefeated Oklahoma State headlined a group of four top-10 squads that suffered late season upsets at this time in 2011. Three of those four, Oklahoma State, Oregon and Clemson, dropped their games to unranked opponents. The fourth team to lose that weekend? Then-No. 5 Oklahoma who was beaten by Heisman Trophy winner Robert Griffin III and the same Baylor Bears that K-State will face this weekend.

**11** The number of wins K-State will have on the season with a win over Baylor

K-State hasn't won 11 games since 2003. That year, the Wildcats won the Big 12 Championship in a 35-7 upset over then-No. 1 Oklahoma. They haven't started a season 11-0 since Michael Bishop led the 1998 team to a No. 1 ranking. This year's Wildcats could match both of those feats this weekend with a win over the Bears.

**20** K-State's turnover margin this season, tied for best in the country

Anytime a team is able to force 20 more turnovers than they turn the ball over, they are going to be very tough for any team to beat. It is a complete team effort on this statistic, as Collin Klein and the offense do a great job of holding on to the ball, allowing the defense to be fresh. The pressure that the K-State defensive line gets on quarterbacks, makes things very tough on opposing quarterback. For the Bears to have any chance in pulling off the upset, they have to win the turnover margin.

**57** Collin Klein's completion percentage against TCU

Klein was an uncharacteristic 12-of-21 for just 146 yards and zero touchdowns last week at TCU. He also threw his first interception since the North Texas game on Sept. 15. Baylor's pass defense should be a welcome presence for Klein and the Wildcat passing game. The Bears give up more than 320 passing yards per game, and have allowed opposing quarterbacks to complete over 65 percent of their passes with a 26-10 touchdown interception ratio.

**159** Baylor receiver Terrance Williams' average receiving yards per game in 2012

There isn't a player in the country who can match Williams' pace in yards per game. Williams is especially lethal as a deep threat. His 18.58 average yards per reception are better than anyone in the Big 12, to go along with 10 touchdowns. With K-State safety Ty Zimmerman likely to be on the sidelines this weekend, Williams could be particularly threatening to the Wildcat defense in Waco.

**209** The average number of rushing yards for Baylor's Big 12 opponents this season

Only Texas allows Big 12 opponents a higher rushing average. K-State's average of 197.3 yards per game in Big 12 play is second-best in the conference. If the Wildcats can grab a lead early, the Bears could be in for a long day as Wildcat carries are likely to stack quickly in such a situation. K-State leads the Big 12 with an average of 4.8 yards per carry. Baylor allows opposing teams 4.7 yards per carry.

## Baylor explosive despite losing Griffin



Meagan Downing | Baylor Lariat

Baylor's No. 2 wide receiver Terrance Williams catches the game-winning pass on Saturday, Nov. 19, 2011, at Floyd Casey Stadium. Williams averages 159 yards per game and more than 18 yards per catch.

Mark Kern  
sports editor

Last season was the greatest football season in Baylor's history. The Bears finished 9-3 and quarterback Robert Griffin III won the Heisman Trophy.

When Griffin took his talents to the NFL's Washington Redskins, many pundits questioned whether Baylor would be able to retain its scoring power. However, with senior quarterback Nick Florence and the No. 2 receiver in the country in senior Terrance Williams, the Bears' offense can still put up huge numbers.

On the season, Baylor is currently second in the country in yards per game with 564 and seventh in scoring with 42.7 points per game. Much of this success is due to the passing duo of Florence and Williams.

Having to follow a player

like Griffin is never easy, but Florence has stepped into his role well and has not allowed the offense to miss a beat. He has thrown for 3,191 yards and 25 touchdowns, which includes his Sept. 29 duel with West Virginia's Geno Smith in which Florence threw for 581 yards and five touchdowns.

The one aspect in which Florence can't compete with Griffin is the ability to get outside and make plays with his feet, but very few quarterbacks to play the game have been proficient at this. While Florence has been very good this year, a huge part of his success is Williams, who has taken his game to another level after a very good last season.

Williams currently ranks second in the country with 1,431 yards and 10 touchdowns. He's gained these numbers while constantly going up against the opponent's best corner and getting double cov-

erage from the safeties.

At 6 feet 2 inches and 205 pounds, Williams has the size and speed to be an absolute nightmare for anyone trying to cover him. He is able to go over the middle as well as run the deep routes to get the ball.

While these two receive the most attention and accolades on offense, and rightfully so, there is a third emerging star on Baylor's offense that makes it truly dynamic.

Sophomore running back LaChe Seastrunk has had an interesting career. He started out at Oregon but transferred out for personal reasons. He ended up at Baylor and is now starting to make his presence felt with 296 total yards and three touchdowns in the past two games.

Baylor head coach Art Briles is not surprised by Seastrunk's play of late, especially with the way that he practices.

"The thing I like about him

is his attitude and his personality," Briles said. "He's really working hard in practice, doing a good job, doing all he can do to give himself a chance to get on the field."

As was the case last season, Baylor's offense has done a very good job for the most part, but the defense has not been able to slow down the opposing team. The one thing that the Baylor offense must do is limit its turnovers; the Bears have turned the ball over 17 times this season, mostly in crucial parts of the game.

The Bears are going up against a K-State defense that gives up 278 yards per game through the air but thrives on forcing turnovers. If the Bears can limit those offensive mistakes, they should be able to hang tough with the Wildcats in a game that they desperately need if they want to go to their third consecutive bowl game.

## K-State ready to bounce back after season-low score



Junior running back John Hubert looks to avoid the KU defense at the Wildcats' 56-16 win against the Jayhawks at Bill Snyder Family Stadium on Oct. 6. Hubert put up 101 yards and four touchdowns.

Corbin McGuire  
staff writer

After scoring at least 40 points in four of its last five games and playing six Big 12 Conference games without a turnover, K-State's offense is looking to get back on track after showing a vulnerable side against TCU.

In the game, the Wildcats lost a fumble, Collin Klein threw an interception and the team managed to put up a season-low 23 points against the Horned Frogs.

"It was a combination of several things," said senior fullback Braden Wilson on K-State's offensive struggles last week. "We

are making the steps this week to prepare ourselves to not let that happen again."

Up next for the Wildcats is the Baylor Bears, who have given up more than 44 points per game against Big 12 opponents.

"A lot of it is execution," Klein said when asked how the offense can bounce back. "A lot of it depends on what the defense gives us and what we're trying to exploit on that down and distance in that situation of the game."

With each play from the Wildcats' offense, the area available to opposing defenses increases, shrinking the offense's room for error.

"I think what happens is, as you progress during the season, you have more and more exposure to what you do and so consequently opponents have more to study," said head coach Bill Snyder, "and more to define who we are just like we have more to define in regards to who they are."

Now that the Wildcats hold the No. 1 ranking in the BCS, winning by large margins or using "style points" to impress voters is no longer a necessity for a national championship bid.

"We're just trying to score one more point than they do. Whatever that looks like or whatever we got to do, we'll figure it out and go from there."

Collin Klein  
senior quarterback

offense must maintain the same intense preparation they are accustomed to.

"They got some good players. I think their record probably doesn't show the quality of team that they really are," Klein said. "Just like any team we're just going to have to prepare well and then execute our plan."

The Bears' suspect defense allows the Wildcats' offense an opportunity to tune up their balanced attack.

Art Briles' defense, which has been giving up 200 yards on the ground per game, gives John Hubert a chance to break his five-game streak without hitting the 100-yard rushing mark.

Snyder said the multitude of weapons his offense holds could lessen individuals' statistics while helping the offense overall.

"The statistical things that are part of the question about balance in your offense are a part of that [question] because the balance — if indeed we have that in our offense — allows you then to move into a variety of different directions based on what defenses may force you to do," Snyder said.



# MATCHING UP



Nicolas Wahl  
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## Baylor rush offense vs. K-State rush defense

Like many of the high-powered Big 12 Conference offenses, when most people think of Baylor, they think of quarterback Nick Florence and the passing game. Make no mistake, though, these Bears can run the ball.

Baylor has averaged over 190 yards on the ground through six conference ballgames, which is good for third in the conference. The first, a win over Kansas, saw both of Baylor's primary running backs, Glasco Martin and Lache Seastrunk, rush for over 100 yards.

The second was last week's 51-carry, 252-yard performance by the team in a 34-42 loss to Oklahoma. Three Bears topped 60 rushing yards, including Florence, who showed he's more than just a fancy arm by rushing for 83 yards on 15 carries.

K-State has dealt with its share of potent rushing attacks this season. The Wildcats haven't blinked, holding every conference opponent well below their season average in rushing yards. Only two Big 12 opponents, Kansas and Texas Tech, have managed to break 100 yards rushing as a team against K-State, and much of that yardage came in the latter stages of blowout Wildcat wins.

The biggest factor holding the Bears back this weekend may be their own defense. The Baylor defense couldn't stop pancake syrup on a cold day, and if the Bears fall behind in this game, they are likely to

abandon the running game early.

### Advantage: K-State

## Baylor pass offense vs. K-State pass defense

No player in the Big 12 slings the ball for more yards than Florence, who is averaging better than 346 yards per game in conference play. The Bears' rushing attack keeps opposing defenses at bay and that, coupled with Florence's arm and a talented group of receivers, could challenge the K-State secondary, especially if speculations that safety Ty Zimmerman will be out with an injury come to fruition.

Like many Big 12 quarterbacks, Florence throws the ball an awful lot. What separates the Bears' passing attack is their constant effort to stretch the field. Florence's 9.3 yards per attempt are second in the conference behind Collin Klein's 9.7 and tied for fifth-best in the nation. It doesn't hurt to have two all-Big 12 caliber receivers to throw to either.

Biletnikoff Award candidate Terrance Williams and burner Tevin Reese both average over 18 yards per catch, and Williams' 159 yards per game are at least 40 yards better than any other receiver in the Big 12.

One of the big questions about the K-State defense coming into the season was its ability to stop the deep pass. A healthy pass rush and solid play has answered the critics thus far, but if Zimmerman is unable to play, the added strain on the Wildcat secondary could tip the scales in favor of the Bears.

### Advantage: Baylor

## K-State rush offense vs. Baylor rush defense

Baylor's rush defense is, in a word, awful. The Bears are allowing opponents to rush for more than 200 yards per game during conference play. To put that into perspective, only 30 out of 124 FBS teams average 200 yards rushing on the season. Baylor makes every opponent look like a team of All-Americans.

Baylor's porous defense, coupled with K-State's propensity to run the ball, spells trouble, not just for the Bears' hopes in this ballgame, but for K-State's single game rushing records as well.

Expect to see a heavy dose of John Hubert, Angelo Pease and Klein carving up yardage this weekend in Waco.

### Advantage: K-State

## K-State pass offense vs. Baylor pass defense

Nobody outside the K-State football program knows exactly what is going on with Klein injury-wise, but he was definitely un-Klein-like in the Wildcats' 23-10 win over TCU last weekend.

Klein was just 12-of-21 passing in the game, threw his first interception in Big 12 play and failed to record a passing touchdown. Regardless, squaring off against Baylor's passing defense is likely to be a great remedy for anything that might be ailing the Heisman frontrunner.

Baylor gives up an average of 321 passing yards per game, second only to West Virginia, and the Bears' six takeaways during conference play are worst in the Big 12. Their six conference sacks on the year best only Kansas in the Big 12



Matt Hellman | Baylor Lariat  
Baylor's senior quarterback Nick Florence attempts a pass against the Kansas Jayhawks at Floyd Casey Stadium on Nov. 3. Florence has thrown for 3,191 yards and 25 touchdowns through 10 games this season.

rankings as well.

The Wildcats should see success through the air this weekend. Expect a return to form from Klein and plenty of receiver Chris Harper's post-catch "feed me" arm actions.

### Advantage: K-State

## Special Teams

K-State's special teams' attributes are well-documented. They lead the Big 12 in punt returns with an over 18-yard average and are dead even with Oklahoma and Oklahoma State in kick returns, averaging over 28 yards per attempt. Punter

Ryan Doerr consistently pins opponents inside their own 20-yard line, and kicker Anthony Canete is 17-of-20 on field goals this season.

### Advantage: K-State

## Final score prediction:

Florence, Williams and the Bears' passing game should put up some numbers this week-end, especially in the likely absence of Zimmerman. That should be about all they do, as K-State looks primed to dominate all other facets of the ball-game.

Look for the Wildcats to roll to a convincing win as they head into their season finale, a Dec. 1, "Chisholm Trail Rivalry," showdown with Texas for a shot at the Big 12 title and a trip to Miami for the BCS Championship.

**K-STATE WINS:  
52-24**

## Bears' record does not suggest challenge lies ahead for Wildcat defense

Adam Suderman  
staff writer

With the Baylor Bears' 4-5 record, figuring out where Baylor stands has caused plenty of head scratching for all who fall in the opposition.

Only one conference win stands for the Bears this season, but with an offense that ranks No. 2 in the nation in passing, plenty can change after Saturday night's 7 p.m. kickoff.

K-State head coach Bill Snyder said the situation is pe-

culiar, but it doesn't take away from what Baylor can do with its offense.

"I do not know of a team that has struggled in the win-loss standpoint that has been as effective and dynamic on offense as this football team," Snyder said. "Are they different than others? To certain degree. There are a lot of the same things that you see from teams that throw the football, but Baylor is starting to create balance in their offense and are running the ball effectively."

Stats, to a certain degree, indicate that, but the more that you watch the more you realize that they do have some balance."

Fortunately for the Wildcats, K-State has a defense that has firmly established itself as one of the country's finest.

However, the status of junior safety Ty Zimmerman is up in the air, and when facing a wide receiver corps that contains the talents of Terrance Williams, losing Zimmerman's presence on the field could be large.

Williams has caught 77 passes for an astounding 1,477 yards. The mark gives him a firm lead as the No. 1 receiver

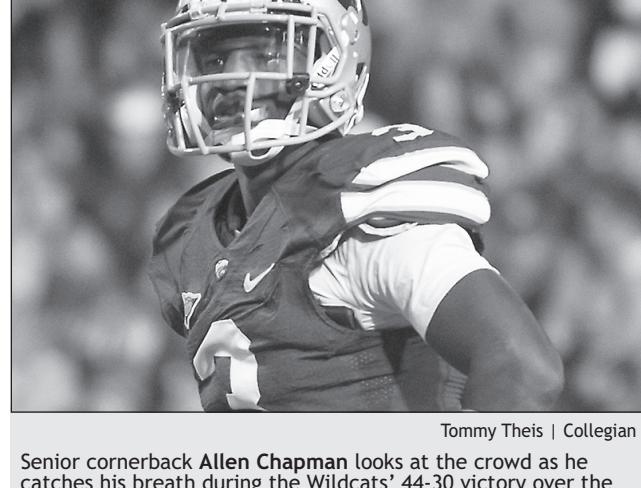
in the country statistically.

A pass rush that has built itself into one of the conference's strongest units will be a deciding factor against the Bears.

Coming off of yet another strong performance, one that earned him Big 12 Player of the Week honors, defensive end Meshak Williams will be a key factor in stopping the vaunted Bears' passing attack.

The senior continues to establish himself against the opposition, tallying 8.5 sacks this season as well as 10.5 tackles for loss, numbers that have established him 17th nationally and sixth in the Big 12.

to continue to fight hard to get our fifth win and it just so happens that Kansas State is coming to town," Briles said. "If you play in this league, you will play really great football teams, so we have to be one of them. I think we're very determined, I think we're hungry, and I think we're getting better, and that gives me a lot of inspiration at this point in the season."



Tommy Theis | Collegian

Senior cornerback Allen Chapman looks at the crowd as he catches his breath during the Wildcats' 44-30 victory over the Cowboys on Nov. 3 at Bill Snyder Family Stadium. Chapman finished the game with three interceptions.

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# Breaking down Saturday's game with Tim Fitzgerald



**Mark Kern**  
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This weekend, the Wildcats head to Waco, Tex., to take on the Baylor Bears, looking to keep their national title dreams alive. Tim Fitzgerald of *gopowertcat.com* talked with the Collegian about what the Wildcats have to do to avoid an upset.

**Q.** *Baylor brings in the No. 2 passing offense in the country, led by senior Terrance Williams. Is he the best receiver the Wildcats have faced all season and how can they slow him down?*

**A.** "Probably so, but he is a little different than the other receivers the Wildcats have faced. The receivers that K-State has gone up against this season were the guys that turn the short passes into big plays, while Baylor is looking to beat you deep on the fly route. The Wildcats need to stick with what they

Kelly Glasscock | *Gopowertcat.com*

**Tim Fitzgerald**, publisher of *gopowertcat.com*, said if Baylor turns the ball over early on Saturday, fans could be in for a long game.

have done all season, and that is to not allow anyone to get behind them and burn them deep."

**Q.** *Coming off a week where it was not clear whether Klein would play, what was your overall impression from the game?*

**A.** "A little rusty. He looked like a guy that hadn't practiced for awhile. He was also probably going up against the toughest pass rush he has all year. His numbers were pretty similar to last year, and he still had a solid game. Even after his interception, he settled down more and made the plays for the Wildcats when they needed them."

**Q.** *How has Baylor been able to have such a prolific offense, despite losing Robert Griffin III?*

**A.** "Art Briles is a great coach. Obviously, Griffin was a very good

quarterback, but [Nick] Florence is showing that Briles has a good system in place, and that they will be a very good team if they can figure out how to slow the opposing team down and not turn the ball over."

**Q.** *Even though he doesn't have quite the statistics he had last season, how has Nigel Malone improved?*

**A.** "He is a little more seasoned. He had the knee problems in the offseason, and I think he has become a more instinctive player. With his season last year, the teams are looking to throw the ball at Bubba Chapman more. However, he is putting up some good interception numbers and could force teams to maybe start throwing back at Malone."

**Q.** *How has the recent performance of Angelo Pease changed the dynamic of the K-State rushing attack?*

**A.** "He is a little different than [John] Hubert. Both guys have done a very good job, and they offer a little different style. I think when it comes to needing the big run, the Wildcats will use Hubert, who has a knack to squeak out extra yards, and holds on to the ball."

**Q.** *What must Baylor do to hang around in this game?*

**A.** "The defense has to play better, there is just no doubt about it. The offense has been very good this year, and if they limit their turnovers, they can hang around in this game. K-State has shown an incredible ability to not turn the ball over and not make mistakes, something Baylor does both of. The Bears let things spiral, and if they turn the ball over early, we could be in for a long game."

Opening kickoff is scheduled for 7 p.m., and the game will be televised on ESPN.

## Games to Watch: Can the Cardinal slow down the high-flying Ducks?

With less than a month left in the season and many scenarios to be decided, here is a look at some of the biggest games of the week

**Mark Kern**  
sports editor



### NO. 23 TEXAS TECH @ NO. 24 OKLAHOMA STATE

The Red Raiders appeared to be on roll; they were 6-1 and ranked 14th in the country with an opportunity to make a big-time statement against then-No. 3 K-state in Manhattan. However, things did not go their way as they were defeated to the tune of 55-24 on Oct. 27.

Since then, things have not gone smoothly for the team, as they lost to Texas and had to hold on in double-overtime against Big 12 doormat Kansas. However, the offense has the capability to explode at any moment due to quarterback Seth Doege.

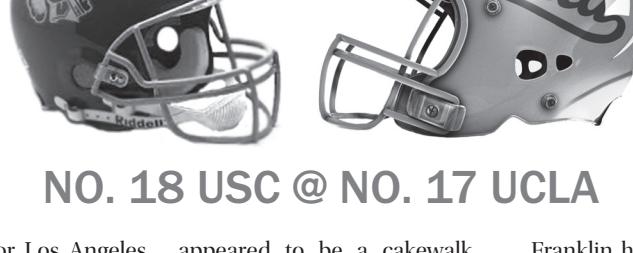
Doege has proven to be one

of the top quarterbacks in the country, throwing for 3,345 yards and 34 touchdowns and completing 70.2 percent of his passes. He has done a much better job of not turning the ball over this season, only throwing nine interceptions thus far, and is a big reason why the Red Raiders could still earn a Cotton Bowl berth. However, they will have a tough test, as Oklahoma State has been playing some very good football.

Led by Joseph Randle, who has rushed for 1,001 yards and nine touchdowns, the Cowboys have an offense that can match the play of the Red Raiders. One question for the Cowboys is who is going to start at the quarterback position for them.

Coach Mike Gundy has not tipped his hand on his decision, but Wes Lunt and Clint Chelf have both shown the ability to make big plays.

With two explosive offenses, pressure will be on the defenses, and the question is which one will be able to stop the big plays for their teams. Boone Pickens Stadium is a very tough place for opposing teams to play, but look for a Justin Gilbert interception to give the Cowboys the victory.



### NO. 18 USC @ NO. 17 UCLA

The battle for Los Angeles supremacy has heated up due to some off-field issues.

First, someone made a fake Twitter account for UCLA freshman cornerback Randall Goforth, talking trash to USC Trojan receiver Marqise Lee, a high school friend of Goforth, started talking trash back, but Goforth told him via text that the account did not belong to him. This sent Bruins' coach Jim Mora to the media, saying whoever made the Twitter should be in jail. Make no mistake about it, these two teams are going to be fired up as a trip to the Pac-12 championship is on the line.

Going into the season, this

appeared to be a cakewalk game for the Trojans on their march to the National Championship game, but undisciplined play has derailed the team's chances at winning.

USC committed 13 penalties in a loss to the Arizona Wildcats, despite Lee finishing the game with 345 yards receiving.

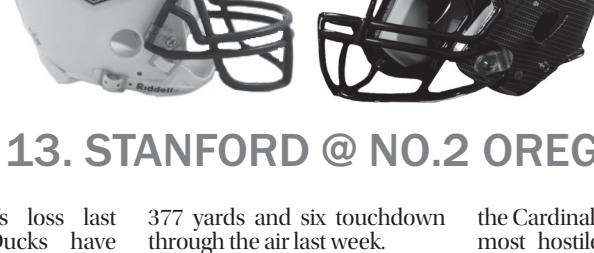
Defense has also hurt the Trojans, and they will be matched up against a complete offense.

Johnathan Franklin, senior running back for the Bruins, was an early-season Heisman Trophy candidate after a fast start in September. While his production has diminished, he is still having a monstrous senior year.

Franklin has 1,270 rushing yards and eight touchdowns and has helped the transition to Division-I quarterback go smoothly for Brett Hundley.

Hundley has thrown for 2,739 yards and 24 touchdowns while only throwing nine interceptions on the season.

With these two teams, the chances of a very chippy game with emotions running high is likely. The Trojans must contain their emotions and not get baited into dumb penalties. In the end, the combination of quarterback Matt Barkley and Lee will be too much, giving the Trojans the inside path to the Pac-12 title.



### NO. 13. STANFORD @ NO. 2 OREGON

With Alabama's loss last weekend, the Ducks have moved into the position where they control their own destiny. Much like K-State, if Oregon wins out, they will most likely be in the running for the national title, and possibly No. 1 in the BCS. However, for that to happen, they must get by a Stanford team that, with a win, would control their own destiny for a Pac-12 title berth.

Oregon has the most potent offense in the country, led by senior running back Kenjon Barner and freshman quarterback Marcus Mariota. Two weeks ago, Barner exploded with 321 yards and five touchdowns on the ground, only to see Mariota one-up him with

377 yards and six touchdown through the air last week.

The Ducks wear teams down with their high-octane offensive attack, getting to the line fast and running nearly 87 plays a game. This makes it extremely difficult on defenses, and really the only way to slow them down is to keep their offense off the field, something the Cardinal could do behind senior running back Stepfan Taylor.

Taylor, with 1,061 yards and nine touchdowns on the season, is your typical grind-it-out back. He is more than capable of running the ball 25-30 times and picking up first downs to keep the offense on the bench. This is a must as

the Cardinal travel to one of the most hostile stadiums in the country, the Autzen Zoo.

The Ducks must be careful though, as it was nearly a year ago to the day that Oregon saw their national title dreams go up in smoke, losing to USC 38-35 at home. With that said, the Ducks have learned from their mistake, and march closer to the national title game, running away with a double-digit victory against the Cardinal.



### UPSET OF THE WEEK: WEST VIRGINIA OVER NO. 12 OKLAHOMA

The Mountaineers' first season in the Big 12 has hit a rough patch after a quick start that had them appear to be a national title contender. With that being said, they still have playmakers on the offensive end, none better than Tavon Austin.

The senior receiver, despite the struggles of the team, has continued to fight and make

big plays for the Mountaineers. With 1,772 total yards and 13 touchdowns, Austin has the capability to score on any given play and will be going up against a Sooners defense that gave up 424 yards and 34 points against Baylor.

I am going to take a lot of flak for this pick, but going into this season, I thought the Mountaineers would contend

for the Big 12 title. I believe they will get amped up for this one, and they are facing an Oklahoma team that you can't be sure will show up or not. With that, I look for Austin, senior quarterback Geno Smith and the rest of the Mountaineers to play with tremendous pride and salvage a part of their season with an upset over the Sooners.

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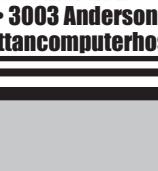
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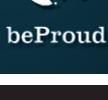


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